

Proposed works at Camberwell Old Cemetery

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Like many other Council's Southwark is running short of space within its cemeteries. In April 2011 the council decided to undertake a programme of works in the borough's existing cemeteries to ensure that it can continue to provide a burial space for residents, while at the same time seeking views about the long terms options available to it.

Since then we have created over 300 new burial plots in Camberwell Old Cemetery and Camberwell New Cemetery, providing enough burial space for nearly two years.

The next step involves re-use of an area of over 7,000 square metres at Camberwell Old Cemetery, Forest Hill Road, SE22 that has previously been used for public burials (shown on the plan overleaf).

The intention is to raise ground levels by up to one metre through topping up with extra soil. The added depth will allow for new burials at this location. The works will include-

- Clearance of scrub and trees and fallen trees and stumps as part of planned maintenance in January.
- A new temporary entrance for construction vehicles and site hoarding at Wood Vale
- Delivery and distribution of approx. 4640 cubic metres of soil to the area
- New foot paths including a new path for the Green Chain Walk
- Grass turfing to create new lawns
- Planting of new trees and shrubs
- Removal of trees in poor condition
- Installation of gravel memorial strips

The works will be subject to a formal planning application in March 2012.

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